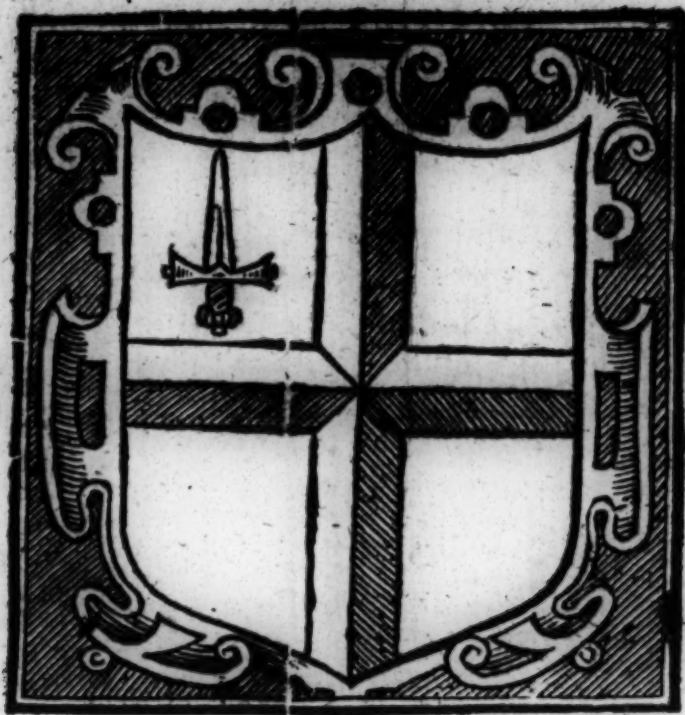


Aleyn



Mayor.

At a Common Councel holden in the Guildhall
London, on Tuesday the 20th of December, 1659.



This Court having taken notice of divers Affronts put upon the Right Honourable Thomas Aleyn, the present Lord-Mayor of this City, with many false and scandalous Aspersions cast upon his Lordship, and the Committee appointed by this Court to confer with the Lord Fleetwood touching the Peace and Safety of this City: as if they had deserted their Trust, or betrayed the Rights and Liberties of this City, And in particular, that the said Committee seemed satisfied with the Limitations of Parliament, called the seven Principles or unalterable Fundamentals, printed in a late scandalous Pamphlet titled The Publick Intelligencer; The said Committee here openly declaring that they never heard the said Principles, or had them any way Communicated to them, much less ever Consented to the same or any of them.

This Court being deeply sensible of these great Indignities, doth declare, That the said Lord-Mayor is so far from deserving any of the said Affronts or Aspersions, that he hath highly merited the great Honour and Esteem of this Court and the whole City, having in all things demeaned himself with much Prudence and faithful Integrity to this City and Court, which doth therefore return his Lordship their most hearty thanks.

And that the said Committee in all their Transactions, touching the Peace and safety of this City, have also discreetly and faithfully discharged their trust, to their own trouble and great satisfaction of this Court.

And whereas this Court and City hath been lately represented by some, as having deserted their first Cause and Declarations for their taking Armes or joyning with the Parliament in defence of the City or the Commonwealth: This Court doth declare that they still doe, and with Gods assistance alwayes will adhere to their former Principles & Declarations in the use of all Lawfull meanes for the maintenance of the true reformed Protestant Religion according to the Scriptures; The support and maintenance of a settled lawfull Magistracy, a learned pious Ministry and publick Universties, with the antient fundamental Laws of the Nation, Just Rights, Properties and Liberties of all persons: And for these ends will endeavour, all they lawfully may the speedy convening of a Free Parliament to sit and Act without Interruption or Molestation, by any persons whatsoever.

Sadler.